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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**REMARKS/ARGUMENT**

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 19, 2004.

Applicant elects the invention of Species of Figures 1. The claims readable on this species are identified as claims 1-4.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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